

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday November 12, 2015

Chairman Sue White opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Sue stated that she reviewed the previous meeting draft minutes and found them to be accurate. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Roger moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, FO Mary Rodenbucher, L. Klodt, E. Myrla, T. Wise, D. Wise, T. Arnold-Koszalka, J. Lampe, C. Guthier, D. Rice, R. Huth, B. Siegferth, F. Huth, J. Francis, G. Englehart, G. Huhn, J. Jenior, V. Coia

Old Business

Mike stated that with the weather he feels we should wait until spring. Skibiski will hold the price until spring. Mike suggested waiting until first round of taxes and the project can be paid in cash. Sue wants to wait until the new Ford building construction is completed.

Roger reported that the Portage County Recycle Committee meeting was a general gathering of information to make a decision on what the county will do in 2016 regarding curb side and drop-off locations. Many communities will likely have hearings regarding this issue.

Sue met with the Health Department regarding prevention measures, taxes, jails for women, and a treatment facility. Sue learned that only 8% of addicts in Portage County are rehabilitated. Out of the 8%, only 3% stay off drugs long term. All the money proposed to be spent on a jail, police, and treatment will be for 3% of the population. Sue sits on several boards and feels it is throwing good money after bad. She feels prevention is the best solution although it usually takes four years of prevention information to take effect. The Mental Health Board will put together a program to go into schools once a year. They have material for all ages. They do not have enough money to do it more than once a year. It needs to be done more often to get the message out. They are looking at ways to boost funds. Sue commented that the county wants to promote prevention with every group in the county.

Sue reported that as the Township Representative with LEPC she is pleased to mention that the RFD met with other departments regarding the fair. All are pleased with the safety procedures in place and will continue to meet to review safety procedures.

New Business

Sue stated that Portage Planning found grant money for parks. Sue would like to apply for the grant within next two weeks. She explained how Atwater Township secured the grant and used no taxpayer money. Sue thanked all the veterans. Sue attended the Women's Memorial service in Arlington yesterday and was impressed with all the women veterans who attended.

Mary stated that the new digital sign is up thanks to the Randolph Lions Club. She asked the Trustees if any changes should be made with the Community Bulletin Board Policy. The Trustees made a few changes to the existing policy.

Mary reported that she received the Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue from the Portage County Auditor regarding the RFD Fire Levy renewal. The estimated property tax revenue is calculated to be \$203,000. Mary presented the Trustees with a Resolution to Proceed to place the levy on the March 15, 2016 ballot. Roger moved to adopt the resolution. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes. Resolution attached.

Mary placed the October bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Mike moved to accept the October reconciliation. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 241 – 252 totaling \$25,864.52 and to pay warrants 36531-36715 and EFTs/Vouchers 469– 487 totaling \$54,559.22. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Larry presented the Road Report. Larry thanked everyone who supported that passing of the road levy renewal. Larry reported on road, building, mowing maintenance. Larry received a quote from Martell Electric to replace the 12 lights fixtures on the new building with 8 LED fixtures and lights. The total cost is \$2,632. The lights are guaranteed for five years. Sue so moved. Mike seconded. Discussion: There was discussion about the types of lights and installation. Larry stated that the trustees approved \$1,000 for the lighting repair at the last meeting. Sue amended her motion to approve the total cost of \$2,632 from Martell Electric for the lighting repair. Mike seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; Mike – yes; Sue – yes.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Three permits were issued. The ZC will meet on November 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC. They will be recording meeting minutes. The BZA will meet on November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the CC. They will be recording meeting minutes as well. The request for a hearing by Scott Horning to reconsider his variance application was withdrawn. The BZA met on October 28 to hear the continuation of the variance and conditional use request by SAS Randolph Enterprises, LLC. Both requests were approved. Erin explained the proposed solution to the issue of maintenance of sidewalks in the state right-of-way is that the Trustees would adopt a resolution accepting responsibility and a separate resolution with the landowner stating that the landowner would accept responsibility. This would satisfy ODOT's concerns. The process would need to be executed for every property owner that installs new sidewalks that fall with the state right-of-way. Roger questioned the need for a resolution for all property owners. Erin stated that it would be property specific. Sue asked about the current policy. Erin stated that it is the property owner's responsibility. Erin explained that ODOT is sensitive about this issue. There was further discussion about the two resolutions, the implications of the resolutions, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Fred stated that the property owners are responsible for the sidewalks. If construction takes out the sidewalk it needs to be replaced. Erin explained the issue with ODOT and responsibility for sidewalks. Erin is working to please both sides. She stated that there legalities associated with the permit and she is trying to work through it. Roger wants to make sure that everyone involved agrees to the resolution. Sue feels that we should only deal with replacing or repairing existing sidewalks. Mike commented that this issue would likely involve Waterloo Rd as well. Erin will contact Chris Meduri for further clarification. Larry asked if the property specific resolution stays with the property. Erin stated it would and explained the sidewalk issue with ODOT at the new Chevrolet dealership. Sue wants the least complicated as solution as possible. Fred asked the township to take responsibility. Erin stated that it would be a financial burden to the township and it removes liability from the state and the township. Fred suggested that the township take responsibility and have residents repay the township. Erin is working on a solution but it is taking time. Erin reported that an administrative search warrant was obtained for 287 Maxwell Road. Sue will check to see if there are any grants for sidewalks. Sue feels sidewalks make a community look nicer as well as street lighting. Sue commented that the ZI, ZC, and BZA are doing a good job. It is a job where not everyone is happy no matter what you do. Sue stated that we are doing the best we can with what we have. We need to follow the proper channels when a zoning violator does not comply. Sue thanked the zoning boards and residents for voicing their concerns and comments. Sue stated that she will recommend that we retain Erin as ZI at the Organizational Meeting.

Roger presented the Fire Report. September responses: Fire – 4; EMS – 32; MVA – 5; Incidents – 0 for a monthly total of 41 and a YTD total of 541. Chief Lang's report included membership, training, and maintenance. The fire department's 75th Anniversary Dinner on November 1 was attended by past and present members.

Public Comment

Betty thanked Mike for his service to the township. She may not be able to attend meetings before the end of the year as she is busy with other commitments. Betty reported that the Lions Club will hold the Craft Bazaar on November 28. Last year there was a problem with some tables missing. She requested that any borrowed tables be returned Friday for the bazaar. The trustees were agreeable to the request.

Tim fair thanked Mike for his service. Diane introduced Tracey as the Fair Board President effective December 1. Tracey is looking forward to working with the Trustees.

Glen asked about the violations on the variance that was approved for Sarchione. Erin understands Glen concern but the book contradicts what is required in this situation as nothing is stated for vehicles. She has been in contact with Chris Meduri. Erin feels it is a reasonable request and has been in contact with property owner's attorney. Erin stated that if no agreement can be reached we will have a BZA hearing to make a determination.

Sue stated that we need to be patient with construction going on. Mike feels it can be accommodated. Glen stated that the variance was passed on the plans. Erin stated that it a conditional use. Glen stated that it a punishable violation. Glen feels the township should revoke the variance or fine them. Erin stated that we cannot revoke the variance. Chris Meduri advised that it is not clear enough to determine a violation. There was a recommendation to go through the BZA. Erin will work on an agreement. Fred questioned why they are testing everyone by doing something wrong. There was further discussion about the situation. John Francis stated that everyone has to follow the regulations. He feels no one cares by nothing being done. Sue stated that she has had many conversations regarding boundary lines but she cannot make them do it. John asked why they do not follow the rules. Sue stated different people look at things differently. Sue cannot speak for them. She Asked Erin if she informed them of the 15 foot buffer. Erin advised their attorney. Sue stated that we ask people to make it right but we are not the police. Sue is sorry that it is upsetting people. Sue care but cannot speak for them.

Vince introduced himself as a candidate for Portage County Commissioner. Vince is a lifelong resident of Portage County who is capable of doing the job based on items in the paper. He feels it boils down to experience. Vince has been on the Zoning Commission, the Democratic Central Committee and two terms as Ravenna Township Trustee. Vince has the leadership ability and it is not always a pleasant experience. He fully believes that Portage County needs to move forward economically. He feels we need to push businesses and residents to shop local. Vince asked for support on the Primary Ballot on March 15, 2016.

With no further questions, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer